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

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
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(MEMORIAL.)

Representing nothing on God's earth now,
And naught in the water below it,
As a pledge of the nation that's dead and gone,
Keep it, dear friend, and show it.

Show it to those who will lend an ear
To the tale this paper can tell,
Of Liberty, born of the patriot's dream,
Of the storm-cradled nation that fell.

Too poor to possess the precious ores,
And too much of a stranger to borrow,
We issued to-day our promises to pay,
And hoped to redeem on the morrow.

The days rolled on, and weeks became years,
But our coffers were empty still;
Coin was so scarce that the Treasury quaked
If a dollar should fall in the till.

But the faith that was in us was strong indeed,
And our poverty well discerned,
And these little checks represented the pay
That our suffering volunteers earned.

We knew it had hardly a value in gold,
Yet as gold our soldiers received it;
It gazed in our eyes with a promise to pay,
And our patriot soldiers believed it.

But our boys thought little of price or pay,
Or of bills that were over due;
We knew if it brought us bread to-day,
'Twas the best our poor country could do.

Keep it, it tells our history over,
From the birth of its dream to the last;
Modest and born of the Angel Hope,
Like the hope of success it passed.

The above inscription was written on the back of a \$10.00 Confederate Note which was found on the person of a dead Confederate Soldier at the close of the war.

Characteristic Sentences Found in an
Autograph Collection.

Aperire terram gentibus.

—Ferdinand de Lesseps.

Vouloir C'est pouvoir.

—Emma Abbott.

Fides et Labor.

—Rhea.

How are your corns?

—Robt. J. Burdette.

Enjoy to-day; to-morrow may be
no better.

—Edward Eppleston.

Peace if possible. Justice at
any rate.

—Wendell Phillips.

Christianity is the sum of all
earth's highest morality.

—Cassius M. Clay.

"Fiction has to me only value,
in so far as it faithfully and ably
reflects life."

—H. H. Boyesen.

"Be always truthful, honest and
kind. That is much greater and
better than to be wealthy or fa-
mous."

Ever your friend,

E. D. E. N. Southworth.

"The chief privilege and highest
duty of every life is to leave an im-
press of good upon the lives that
come after it in the infinite proces-

sion from the Beginning to the
End."

—Albion W. Tourgee.

"I believe that there ought to be
a National court—a court to settle
questions between Nations—a
court having the control of an
army, to carry its decrees into ef-
fect. In this way, war could for
the most part be prevented."

—Robert G. Ingersoll.

The following from Thackeray,
owned by W. S. Benjamin, is
a characteristic letter recommend-
ing a servant named Joseph:

Having, during a period of three
days, many opportunities of study-
ing the character of *Joseph*; the
undersigned has great pleasure in
recommending him to the traveling
nobility and gentry of the British
nation. Joseph is active in body,
gentlemanlike in manner, in the
execution of commissions he is
rapid, dexterous and faithful; he
has many agreeable social qualities
and will often amuse the solitary
tourist by appropriate anecdotes,
wh. he will recite over a glass of
beer or wine at the Coffee-house, or
will introduce as he conducts his
client through the city; he is in a
word everything that a Valet de
place should be—conscientious yet
not squeamish, modest, willing,
soder and discreet. Furthermore
it may be stated that he has a wife

and six children;—though these latter qualifications are such as he possesses in common with many other persons of far less merit, yet they are stated here, because, for the prayers of Meritorious Poverty British Benevolence has always a kindly ear: and because the stranger, in exercising his generosity towards *Joseph*, may have the satisfaction of thinking that he benefits at the same moment six little invisible Josephs, whose daily dinner depends upon the exertions of their father.

(Signed.) MICHAEL ANGELO TITMARSH.

Done at the Hague, the 12th day of August, A. D., MDCCCXLIII.

P. S.—It may not perhaps be irrelevant to state that the Landlord of the Marshal de Turenne possesses some of the finest Madeira in Europe.

The following item taken from *The Citizen* of Evanston, Ill., in regard to one of the largest autograph collectors in Chicago, is self explanatory:

Mr. I. H. Taylor, formally of Evanston, but for some time past, resident of Oak Park, has removed to South park, and is now secretary and treasurer of the R. F. Brown & Taylor Heating Co., Chicago. An exchange notes that "Mr. Taylor who has been connected with the Fairbanks' Scale Company for more than twenty years, has sever-

ed his connection with that firm to start in business for himself.

The employees of the firm with whom he has been associated so long, presented Mr. Taylor before his departure with a valuable etching, a suitably inscribed cane, and autograph testimonial. Mr. Taylor's new business necessitates his removal from Oak Park to the great regret of the many warm friends he has made during his residence here."

We wish friend Taylor much success in his efforts to build up a business for himself, and while he has sold his property on Forest avenue near Davis street and leaves Evanston, his many old friends hope to hear of health and prosperity attending him and his family.

EXCHANGES.

A. Allen, No. 31 East 127th St. New York City wishes to exchange and purchase Autographs of all kinds. Especially A. L. S. and A. N. S. Lists exchanged.

Autographs for exchange, V. E. Wyman, 116 N. Washington St. Saginaw City, Mich,

E. E. Small, box 468, Valparaiso, Ind., has some autographs for exchange.

We presume we will have to admit in advance that this issue is decidedly weak and thin but it was put together on such short notice that only such material as happened to be on hand was available.

An Opinion of a Great Editor.

The editor of THE AUTOGRAPH recently received a letter asking who, in his opinion, was the foremost journalist in the West. Now here is a subject worthy discussion and one that could be well handled by the amateur editor. Taking out the natural desire to decide in favor of some local or state favorite, the opinions would be varied and wide. Since we are asked we will venture the name of a gentleman, a western journalist; full of dast, energy and life, one that can bring tears or make some luckless individual cringe, one that is adept at all branches of literary productions—we refer to Mr. O. H. Rothacker, at present editor of the *Omaha Republican*. Mr. Rothacker is not only a strong editorial writer, but is a well known author with a particularly well developed humorous vein; though he can write as seriously as though he never laughed. His reply to Ingersoll, published in book form is one of the finest things extant. A recent serial in *America*, entitled "The Anarchist," has been favorably commented on throughout the U.S. and England.

We would be glad to hear the opinion of some others on this subject and may, if necessary, have something more to say in regard to the merits of Mr. Rothacker.

One of Eli's Lies.

The following letter is so exceed-

ingly characteristic of its author, that it is deemed worthy of publication:

My dear Sir:

You ask me what was the first literary thing I ever wrote. As near as I can remember, I wrote my first composition in 1846. I was then six years. The subject of this composition was "Eels." It ran like this:—

"A eel is a fish with his tail way up to his ears, never fool with powder.

eli perkins."

My mother always cautioned me against powder and I thought it the proper way to end my composition. Yours Truly,

Melville D. Langdon.

(Eli Perkins.)

A Word of Explanation.


The Stock Company, for the issuance of THE AUTOGRAPH, was completed some time ago and the paper would have appeared sooner had not some of the share holders refused acceptance of the stock subscribed; and with only one or two exceptions, on very trivial excuses. One or two gave such good reasons that a sense of justice and fairness demanded their release; but others failed to provide themselves with reasons sufficient to excuse them, knowing as they did that there was no way of compelling them to take what they had requested saved for them.

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
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
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Possibly a salutatory would be more appropriate under the circumstances, considering that it has been over a year since an issue of THE AUTOGRAPH has been made, but its absence has for the most part been understood, and those who understood now know that this issue means one year at least

of THE AUTOGRAPH, further than that I cannot say. I have no apologies to make or offer for the non-appearance of THE AUTOGRAPH since July, 1888. It was at that time announced that after the change in firm was made, if a better patronage was not extended the paper would be discontinued entirely. Well! a better patronage was extended, but as the expenses had considerably increased, the patronage even then was not sufficient to warrant me in continuing without other assistance and the only available way was to make a stock company. This was attempted with varying success for a month or so, the larger dealers, men who would have been benefited vastly and directly under the proposed new order of things, not only discouraged the idea, but refused help in any manner. But their oneirous predictions served more as an incentive than a detriment to the idea and I determined to show these people that it could and would succeed without their help, and my attention was then directed to autograph collectors who had never made a pretensions to being large dealers and much to my surprise and gratification they nearly all entered heartily into the idea, not only giving financial encouragement but doing all in their power to advance the interest of the paper; to be sure

some of the large dealers saw the good side of the idea and went in, to those gentlemen and the ones who so kindly extended aid when they knew that they would scarcely be benefitted directly, I extend my thanks and in giving over the management of what I had come to look upon as something of a pet, I do so with the feeling that it goes into better hands and while I will continue to add my efforts to theirs in the capacity of editor, I feel that THE AUTOGRAPH is safe and on a good foundation. A hearty pull and a pull all together will place it where those who predicted such disastrous results will be forced to own themselves mistaken.

S. H. CALHOUN, Jr.

Notice will be made of the increase in the subscription price to 50 cents per annum. It was found to be advisable considering new form and the splendid prospects for a good paper. Old subscribers will receive the paper for the full time for which they originally subscribed.

Yeilding to the wishes of some friends, the editor of THE AUTOGRAPH placed his collection of autograph letters on exhibition at the great fair held in Omaha Sept. 1st, to 6th, where they received unbounded praise and newspaper comments. The collection or rather that part of it on exhibition

covered 40 square feet of wall surface. It was a great novelty to nine out of ten visitors but the very gratifying rewards and comments scarcely repaid him for the trouble, risk and worry occasioned by unsympathetic people in a frame building, and no insurance. The St. Louis exposition has made a very flattering proposal for their exhibition there in 1890.

About the smallest thing that has come to our notice since the temporary suspension of the AUTOGRAPH is from a New York party who almost continuously since July, 1888 up to about last August, sent a postal or letter inquiring the progress of the paper and wanting to know when it would appear. These communications were answered until they became monotonous when finally along came a request for the return of 25 cents he had paid for subscription on which he had received five issues only, casually mentioning that the five issues received should not be counted on account of the long time he had been out of his money (?). Such frozen cheek is worthy even a tobacco tag collection, and about as much to be dispised. He only used up 56 cents in postage, writing for his quarter.

The February issue of THE AUTOGRAPH will appear in a short time. This number is unfortunately late.

Titles of Our Statesmen.

"Old" and "Little" are two favorite prefixes which admirers use in conferring a sobriquet on their hero.

"Honest Old Abe" was the plain title that was shouted at the head of Lincoln's columns.

Martin Van Buren, who succeeded Andrew Jackson, was called "The Little Magician. His enemies dubbed him "Whisky Van."

"The Little Giant" is the suggestive, historical and catching sobriquet that was won by the great statesman, Stephen A. Douglass.

Many of Polk's ardent admirers called him "Young Hickory," hoping to win for him some of the warm support that "Old Hickory" commanded.

Andrew Jackson was called by his friends "Old Hickory," because of his sturdy qualities. "Old Hickory" is one of the historical nicknames of the world.

"Log Cabin" Harrison was the way campaign orators used to speak of the "Tippecanoe" statesman. "Hard Cider" was another appellation of his, while some talked of him as "Old Tip."

General Taylor was not wanting for campaign titles. He was called "Old Zach," and "Old Buena Vista." But the title that the people most liked and the one that is historical is "Rough and Ready."

Henry Clay always had flashing

nicknames. Three have gone down with Clay in history. "The Gallant Harry of the West," "The Young Commoner," and "The Mill-Boy of the Slashes," are titles that the great statesman himself delighted to apply.

An Inquiry.

Editor THE AUTOGRAPH,

Dear Sir:

Can you or any of your readers tell me the address of the following persons?

Susan B. Anthony.
George H. Bancroft.
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C. P. Huntington.
Mrs. Adm'l. Dahlgren.
Genl. D. H. Hill.


Perhaps I can help them out sometime. I will only be too glad to do so at any time.

Respectfully,

N. O. SIRRAH.

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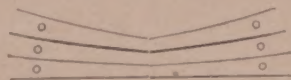
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


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